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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

CALENDAR-ENHANCED AWARENESS FOR INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEMS AND ELECTRONIC STATUS BOARDS

A method, system, and product are disclosed for providing calendar-enhanced awareness/presence information for instant messaging systems and electronic status boards. This invention automates status transitions, enhances and automates status messages, and automates and extends the IM "who can see me" function. Additionally, this invention extends awareness to dimensions other than IM status, to include availability in-person, via telephone, via wireless device or wireless messaging device (e.g., pager).